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SUBJECT: WILKINS/VESCO STORY: PARTS 3, 4, AND 5

REF: (AW SAN JOSE 3148, (B) SAN JOSE 3134 AND PREVIOUS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: VESCO-SUPPORTED EXCELSIOR'S LATEST  
CHAPTER (NO. 5) OF THE VESCO-INSPIRED TALE ABOUT HOW AND  
WHY THE USG ALLEGEDLY SENT AN EX-CONVICT TO COSTA RICA TO  
KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATE ROBERT VESCO REHASHES CHARGES PREVIOUSLY  
MADE, AND LAYS INTO U.S. OFFICIALS OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW  
YORK, AMBASSADOR, AND EMBASSY BY NAME. LAST THREE CHAPTERS  
IN THIS SEEMINGLY NEVER-ENDING SERIES UNDERSCORES POLITICAL  
PERSECUTION THEME--OSTENSIBLY PROVEN TO AUTHORS BY USG USE  
OF AN EX-CONVICT TO "GET VESCO." AS THESE LATEST DIATRIBES  
SAY LITTLE THAT HAS NOT BEEN RESPONDED TO PREVIOUSLY, NO  
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NEW PUBLIC STATEMENT IS PLANNED FOR NOW. END SUMMARY.

2. JULY 1 EXCELSIOR CARRIES PARTICULARLY SCURRILOUS  
FIFTH PART OF CONTINUING SERIES OF WILKINS/VESCO AFFAIR.

TODAY'S ARTICLE COMMENTS ON:

A. "TRANSCRIPT" OF ALLEGED WILKINS/ANDREA TELCON (NO DATE GIVEN), WITH ONLY MWILKINS' PART REPRODUCED. EFFECT IS TO GIVE READER SENSATION THAT ANDREA (I.E. U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) IS SPEAKING OF MURDER/ ASSASSINATION AT EVERY TURN.

B. A BAD GUYS/GOOD GUYS CAST OF CHARACTERS AND THEIR ROLES IN AFFAIR; LATTER CONSISTS OF VESCO (ONLY); FORMER INCWDE SAGOR, LOWE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, EMBASSY, AMBASSADOR, SEC, ROSS, AND WILKINS.

C. A RECAPITULATION OF WHAT SERIES HAS "PROVEN" TO DATE.

3. A. IN WILKINS/ANDREA TELCON, WILKINS PROMISES ANDREA THAT HIS ENTRANCE INTO "VESCO GROUP" IS IMMINENT, EXPRESSES FEAR THAT HE WILL RUN AFOUL OF COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES AND END UP IN JAIL, AND PROMISES THAT, AS THEY DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK, THINGS ARE "REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN." ARTICLE ASKS RHETORICALLY WHY WILKINS FEARED COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES AND COSTA RICAN JAILS IF, AS THE EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY AFFIRMED, "IT WAS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THAT WILKINS WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN COSTA RICA."

B. LISTING OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVGE CARRIES FOLLOWING SALIENT DESCRIPTIONS:

(1) VESCO: "THE CONTROVERSIAL INTERNATIONAL FINANCIER, RESIDENT OF COSTA RICA, OBJECT OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION DUE TO HIS TIES WITH EX-PRESIDENT NEXON, HIS PARTY, AS WELL AS HIS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WATERGATE CASE..."

(2) SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK: "THE PLACE WHERE ALL THE ACCUSATIONS AND LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE VESCO GROUP ORIGINATE... THE PRINCIPAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FEDERAL FUNCTIONARIES OF USG INVOLVED IN THE MISSION OF EX-CONVICT WILKINS ARE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, AS ARE OTHER HIGH FUNCTIONARIES OF OTHER USG AGENCIES ASSIGNED TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, ALL DEDICATED TO THE PERSECUTION OF MR. VESCO."

(3) ELLIOT SAGOR: "...THE PERSON WHO GAVE INSTRUCTIONS AND COORDINATED TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES EX-CONVICT WILKINS' MISSION AGAINST ROBERT VESCO IN COSTA RICA. SAGOR IS THE PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN ALL ACCUSATIONS AND LAAAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE VESCO GROUP. SAGOR WAS RECENTLY FORCED TO QUIT HIS HIGH GOVERNMENT POST, WHICH HE HAS OCCUPIED UNTIL NOW, OBVIOUSLY AS A RESULT

OF THE FIASCO OF THE WILKINS MISSION AND AS ANOTHER EFFORT TO COVER UP HIS CO-CONSPIRATORS...SAGOR ALSO COVERED UP AND LIED TO A FEDERAL JUDGE ABOUT DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM SPECIAL COUNSEL DAVID BUTOWSKY  
... SAGOR WAS FORCED TO ADMIT THAT HE HAD DONE THIS IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF MR. VESCO."

(4) DAVID ROSS: "SEC LAWYER ASSIGNED TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FULL TIME ON THE VESCO CAQQ... ROSS IS A PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN COORDINATING AND PLANNING THE WILKINS MISSION."

(5) JACK LOWE: "AS THE PROSECUTOR FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, HE WORKS FOR FISKE AND SAGOR ... MENTIONED BY WILKINS AS PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANT IN THE CONVERSATION WILKINS HAD IN THE U.S. WHEN HE WAS CONTRACTED TO CARRY OUT HIS MISSION IN COSTA RICA. IN THE BAHAMAS, LOWE IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING PRIVATE PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITHSQHE VSNCO CASE. HE DID NOT PRESENT HIMSELF BEFORE THE COURT WHEN HE WAS CITED, AS A RESULT LOWE IS A WANTED MAN IN THE BAHAMAS."

(6) WILKINS: "AN UNDERWORLD FIGURE FROM FLORIDA, FIVE TIMES CONVICTED FOR SERIOUS CRIMES, CONTRACTED BSW THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, THE SEC, AND SPECIAL FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS TO KIDNAP OR TO ASSASSINATE VESCO INCOSTA RICA. IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS MISSION THE USG OFFERED TO CLEAR HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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CRIMINAL RECORD, AND ALSO OFFERED MONEY. WILKINS GAVE A SWORN DECLARATION TO COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO GAVE AN EXTENSIVE SWORN STATEMENT TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIEZG IN THE U.S. DEPENDENT FROM THOSE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK."

IN(7) THE EMBASSY OF THE U.S. IN COSTA RICA:  
"AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR GOVERNMENT, U.S. EMBASSY FUNCTIONARIES IN COSTA RICA HAVE PLAYED A HIGHLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE VESCO CASE. THE POLITICAL ATTACHE PRESSURED COSTA RICAN DEPUTIES AND OFFERED TRIPS TO THE U.S. IN RETURN FOR THE ABOLITION BY THE EXTRADITION LAW. AMBASSADOR TODMAN IN AUGUST, 1975, SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT ODUBER IN WHICH HE INDICATED CHANGES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SUGGESTED BE INTRODUCED TO THE COSTA RICAN EXTRADITION LAW IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF EVIDENCE AND TO BE ABLE TO EXTRADITE MR. VESCO..." WILKINS IS QUOTED THAT THE EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE WOULD GIVE HIM ASSISTANCE; ARTICLE RECALLS THAT U.S. AMBASSADORS HAVE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTION, COORDINATION, AND SUPERVISION OF ALL EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS OF USG THAT FUNCTION IN

ASSIGNED COUNTRY.

C. RECAPITULATION: RECAPITULATION PARAGRAPH MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS:

(1) "THE USG HAS AN UNCONSCIONABLE INTEREST IN GETTING VESCO BACK TO THE U.S. TO THEIUIOINT THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING RESPECT FOR THE LAW IN THEIR COUNTRY CONSPIRE WITH COMMON CRIMINALS TO COMMIT SERIOUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, COSTA RICA."

(2) "IT IS OBVIOUS THAT USG AUTHORITIES HAVE NO RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF MR. VESCO NOR FOR THE LAWS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY WITH RESPECT TO MR. VESCO."

(3) "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT EX-CONVICT WILKINS WAS CONTRACTED AND PAID BY THE USG TO COME TO UNCLASSIFIED

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COSTA RICA TO COMMIT SERIOUS ILLEGAL ACTS, AS THIS SERIES HAS SHOWN, AND HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL FISKE HIMSELF."

(4) "IT IS OBVIOUS THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES IN THE U.S. AS WELL AS THE USG FUNCTIONARIES ACCREDITED TO COSTA RICA ARE TAKING GREAT EFFORTS TO COVER UP THE FACTS BY NOT SUPPLYING INFORMATION OR BY SUPPLYING INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT SQUARE WITH THE FACTS."

(5) "HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE USG UTILIZED ILLEGAL MEANS WHEN THEY USED FALSE DOCUMENTS TO FINANCE THE WILKINS MISSION."

(6) "HIGH FUNCTIONARIES OF THE USG USED ILLEGAL MEANS BY OFFERING TO EX-CONVICT WILKINS THE CLEARING OF HIS CRIMINAL RECORD AND BY LEAVING HIM IN LIBERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR CARRYING OUT HIS MISSION AGAINST ROBERT LEE VESCO IN COSTA RICA."

(7) "IT IS EVIDENT THAT IF THE USG HAD LEGAL BASES AND APPROPRIATE PROOF AGAINST VESCO IT WOULD NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO UTILIZE LOW AND ILLEGAL METHODS SUCH AS KIDNAPPING TO BRING VESCO TO THE U.S. THIS ATTITUDE SUCH AS OTHERS GIVE CREDENCE TO THE AFFIRMATIONS OF MR. VESCO THAT HIS PERSECUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. IS DUE TO PRESSURES AND POLITICAL MOTIVES. THE SERIOUSNESS OF ASSISSINATION DOES NOT NEED COMMENTARY."

(8) "THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER SITUATIONS IN

WHICH THE USG HAS ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP MR. VESCO. ONE OCCASION WAS PLANNED TO KIDNAP HIM IN PUNTARENAS AND TO TAKE HIM TO THE U.S. ON A BOAT NAMED "OVERT," WHICH WAS ESPECIALLY BOUGHT AND EQUIPPED FOR THIS OBJECTIVE.

ON ANOTHER OCCASSION A TEAM OF MERCENARIES CONTRACTED AND PAID BY THE USG HAD PLANNED TO KIDNAP MR. VESCO IN GUANACASTSZN IN A COMMANDO-TYPE OPERATION AND TO TAKE HIM BY HELICOPTER TO A SPOT IN COSTA RICA  
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WHERE A CESSNA 310 AIRPLANE WOULD BE WAITING WHICH WOULD TRANSPORT HIM TO BRITISH HONDURAS AND FROM THERE TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. THE MERCENARY TEAM THAT WOULD UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION IS THE SAME GROUP THAT ACCOMPLISHED A HELICOPTER RESCUE OF A CIA AGENT FROM A MEXICAN JAIL. ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP VESCO BY THE USG WAS MADE BY AN ARGENTINE NAMED GUTIERREZ WHO, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM THE CANAL ZONE, THE CIA, AND THE COOPERATION OF SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA, WOULD SPIRIT MR. VESCO TO THE U.S."

4. ARTICLES 3 AND 4 IN SERIES, PUBLISHED JUNE 29 AND 30, INCLUDE COPIES OF WILKINS' CODE NAME LIST (ON PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL STATIONERY) AND WILKINS' LISTS OF NEW YORK CITY PHONE NUMBERS OF HIS SOUTHERN DISTRICT FRIENDS. THEY REHASH WILINS' COMMENTS ABOUT HIS "MISSION," ORDERS, AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONTACTS MADE ON APRIL 28 "IN A MEETING WITH A PERSON IN COSTA RICA" (NO NAME GIVEN). ARTICLES 3 AND 4 ALSO DREDGE UP FROM PAST VESCO'S PUBLIC EXCHANGES WITH EMBASSY. THROUGH IT ALL, SELECTIVE PORTIONS OF PAO'S JUNE 25 LETTER TO EXCELSIOR ARE UTILIZED, THEM OF "ILLEGAL ACTS" IS UNDERSCORED, AND NOTION THAT CAPER WAS WILKINS' IDEA ONLY RIDICULED. THEME OKAT USED OF SNEAKY METHODS AND PAID EX-CONVICTS BY USG ADDS UP TO POLITICALLY MOTIVATED PERSECUTION OF VESCO REPEATED.

5. COMMENT: CHAPTER 5 OF THIS DREARY SAGA, REplete AS IT IS WITH QUESTTIONS AND INSULTS, HAS NO MORE IN IT TO REFUTE THAN ALREADY HAS BEEN IN PAO'S JUNE 25 LETTER TO EXCELSIOR. FOR THAT REASON, AND BECAUSE NO OTHER ORDIA ARE GIVING EXCELSIOR'S "EXCLUSIVE" ANY PLAY, EMBASSY PLANS NO FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THIS TIME.

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